

HUS HAPPENINGS

JANUARY 2009

Presbyterian Distinctives - Part 1

What is unique about the Presbyterian church?

Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways: they adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Reformed theology

Theology is a way of thinking about God and God's relation to the world. Reformed theology evolved during the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation. It emphasizes God's supremacy over everything and humanity's chief purpose as being to glorify and enjoy God forever.

In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God's sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:

- ◆ The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation;
- ◆ Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God;
- ◆ A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation;
- ◆ The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God. (*Book of Order*, G-2.0500)

Church government

A major contributor to Reformed theology was John Calvin, who converted from Roman Catholicism after training for the priesthood and in the law. In exile in Geneva, Switzerland, Calvin developed the *presbyterian* pattern of church government, which vests governing authority primarily in elected laypersons known as elders. The word *presbyterian* comes from the Greek word for elder.

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"Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. Don't be afraid to say, 'I love you'. Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world."

— Ann Landers

JANUARY



Birthdays

- 2 Denise Cisler
- 4 Cathi Havel
- 5 Francis McLaskey
- 7 Marcy Page
- 10 Janet Ransom
- 11 Milton Polehna
- 11 Sue Rairdin
- 11 Jeremiah Peal
- 12 Evelyn Hagen
- 16 Sue Roth
- 18 Cindy Page
- 28 James Hutton
- 28 Alan Tichy
- 28 Adam Currie

Anniversaries

- 17 Bryan & Tonya Lucke 8 years



Ushers & Greeters

January 4th

Helen Anderson & Pat Jones
Lisa & Brianna McAtee

January 11th

Grace Ford & Ruby Warren
Mike & JoAnne Hebert

January 18th

Marlus Grimm & Eulalia Johnson
Marj Nejdil & Marge Pace

January 25th

Dick & Janet Ransom
Mac & Judy McLaskey

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



Closings or cancellations will be posted on the Hus website (www.huschurch.org) and on KCRG, KWWL, and KGAN. Please note that the church website should be the first place to check as it can take the media time to get the information on air and on their websites. **Expect a call from a church representative only if you have requested a personal call.** To request a call, please contact the church office (319.363.0067). If you would like to receive an email notification, please let the office know.

*The complete policy is available on from the church office or online at www.huschurch.org.

Youth Announcements



- ✚ **Wolia:** Don't forget to bring \$1 each week for Wolia!
- ✚ **Youth Group each Wednesday!** Meal at 5:15 PM, Lesson & Fellowship at 5:45 PM. Movie night January 7th!
- ✚ **Sunday school** resumes January 11th
- ✚ **Confirmation:** January 11th & 25th from 1 - 3 PM.
- ✚ **2008 89.1 Spirit Skate:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Super Skate. Jan. 15th, Feb. 19th, Mar. 19th, Apr. 16th
- ✚ **Chris Tomlin Hello Love Tour:** Chris Tomlin will be leading a night of worship at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids at 7 pm on Friday January 30th. Israel Houghton will be opening for Chris. Tickets are \$25 each.
- ✚ **Sunday Evening Meal:** the youth will be serving the meal on Feb. 1st from 4 - 6 PM, at 1st Presbyterian Church, CR.
- ✚ **Fundraiser:** Calendars(\$10), cards(\$8), and notepads (\$2) are still available.

Questions?

Want more information?

Please call, text or email Terry.
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A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PART 12 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

Adapted from a Historical Treatise written by Charlotte Stelcik

HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THROUGH 1949, CONT.

About this time the question came up of deciding whether or not the Central West Presbytery should be dissolved. The churches belonging to the Presbytery were asked to vote on the question before the convention, which was to be held in Wahoo, Nebraska, in August 1946. Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to discontinue the Czech Presbytery and become members of the Cedar Rapids Presbytery. At the convention all churches, except one, voted to dissolve the Presbytery but to hold on to the Evangelical Union, "Evangelická Jednota," for the purpose of contacts between Czech churches. The Central West Presbytery had been established for thirty years and its last convention was held in Cedar Rapids in 1948. The church then became a member of the Council of Churches of Cedar Rapids and Marion.

In 1946 anew organization, called the Married Couples Club, was organized with Dr. Leo B. Sedlacek as its first president. From the very beginning of it organization, this group was a success and it continued to grow. During the winter, once each month, a supper was prepared and a lecture or a religious film was presented. The group had purchased a Bell-Howell sound film projector to show the films. During the summer the club had outdoor services in parks, such as the Palisades.

The annual meeting of April 16, 1947, voted to establish a board of Deacons with six members. The first group consisted of John Drahovzal, Ben Drahovzal, Milo Heral, Frank Fajmon, Milvoy Neprash, and Jerry Stelcik. Their duty was to care for the needy, to provide a welcome in the church, take up the offering, and promote friendliness.

The financial side of the church was very favorable during this time. Before Rev. Pauk was called, a house was bought next to the church, which was used as a rental property. The manse was remodeled at an expense of over \$3,000. The church was repainted at a cost of \$1,500, paid by the Ladies Tabitha Society. A new stoker and boiler were installed. No financial canvas or pledges were taken. All money was taken from voluntary contributions in weekly envelopes. The pastor's salary was also raised to \$2,400 in addition to the use of the manse. The membership of the church continued to grow during this time.

In 1948 the church began to prepare for a new teaching plan which would lay the main duty of Christian Education on the parents and the home. The church provided fine material and training for this. A new superintendent, Frank Pardubsky, was appointed for the Sunday School.

Throughout the years, Hus Presbyterian Church sponsored several young men in theological studies--Joseph Leksa, Joseph Havlik, Joseph Teply, Emil Drobny, Anthony Pavlinec, Vaclav Kejr, Frederick Telecky, Jerome Leksa, and Jerry Mollman.

Another period in the history of Hus Presbyterian Church drew to a close on Sunday, October 5, 1947, when, because of disability, Rev. Z. F. Pauk resigned. The congregation unanimously asked him to remain and postpone his resignation at least until the annual meeting in January 1948. For reasons of health, the pastor presented his resignation again on January 14, 1948. He agreed to stay until a successor was obtained.

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Hus Presbyterian Church, they looked back, just as we do today, at the struggling but successful voyage that was undertaken to bring them where there were. The years have been ones of many hardships but the numerous obstacles were met by a group of people who had a faith in and hope in God strong enough to keep them struggling for their own place of worship. Through the efforts of these pioneers and those that have followed, many individuals have been brought to hear the Words of the Lord. Another period is unfolding, but in order to see what the coming years hold in store for the little church, we can only keep our eyes to the future and our hearts and prayers to God.

The church continued to grow after Rev. Pauk's retirement and in 1949 the membership grew to over 300 members.

Ministers of Hus Presbyterian Church

Rev. Vaclav Hlavaty	served	1891 to 1919
Rev. Dr. Joseph Bren	served	1919 to 1938
Rev. Benjamin J. Paroulek	served	1938 to 1941
Rev. Zdenek F. Pauk	served	1941 to 1954
Rev. Joseph Havlik	served	1955 to 1959
Rev. William B. Harnish	served	1963 to 1966
Rev. Lyle R. Graff	served	1967 to 1971
Rev. Dr. George B. McDill	served	1972 to 1984
Rev. John W. Gilmore	served	1986 to 1991
Rev. Oluf Kongshaug	served	1993 to 1999
Rev. Wilfred Jackson	served	2002 to 2007

Church government, cont.

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. They shall serve faithfully as members of the session. (*Book of Order*, G-10.0102) When elected commissioners to higher governing bodies, elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office. (*Book of Order* G-6.0302)

The body of elders elected to govern a particular congregation is called a *session*. They are elected by the congregation and in one sense are representatives of the other members of the congregation. On the other hand, their primary charge is to seek to discover and represent the will of Christ as they govern. Presbyterian elders are both elected and *ordained*. Through ordination they are officially set apart for service. They retain their ordination beyond their term in office. Ministers who serve the congregation are also part of the session. The session is the smallest, most local governing body. The other governing bodies are presbyteries, which are composed of several churches; synods, which are composed of several presbyteries; and the General Assembly, which represents the entire denomination. Elders and ministers who serve on these governing bodies are also called *presbyters*.

Adapted from <http://www.pcusa.org/101/101-distinct.htm>

Readings from the Daily Lectionary - January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Readings: Eve of Epiphany: 1/6 Eve of Baptism of the Lord: 1/10 Baptism of the Lord: 1/11	EVE OF EPIPHANY: Isa. 66:18-23 Rom. 15:7-13 PM: Ps. 96:1-13	EVE OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Isa. 61:1-9 Gal. 3:23-29; 4:4-7 PM: Ps. 27:1-14	BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Gen. 1:1-5 Ps. 29:1-11 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	January 1 AM: Ps. 98:1-9 Gen. 17:1-12a, 15-16 Col. 2:6-12 John 16:23b-30 PM: Ps. 99:1-9	January 2 AM: Ps. 48:1-14 Gen. 12:1-7 Heb. 11:1-12 John 6:35-42, 48-51 PM: Ps. 9:1-20	January 3 AM: Ps. 111:1-10 Gen. 28:10-22 Heb. 11:13-22 John 10:7-17 PM: Ps. 107:1-43
January 4 AM: Ps. 20:1-9 Exod. 3:1-5 Heb. 11:23-31 John 14:6-14 PM: Ps. 93:1-5	January 5 AM: Ps. 99:1-9 Josh. 1:1-9 Heb. 11:32-12:2 John 15:1-16	January 6 EPIPHANY: AM: Ps. 72:1-20 Isa. 52:7-10 Rev. 21:22-27 Matt. 12:14-21 PM: Ps. 100:1-5	January 7 AM: Ps. 46:1-11 or Ps. 97:1-2 Isa. 52:7-10 Rev. 2:1-7 John 2:1-11 PM: Ps. 27:1-14	January 8 AM: Ps. 46:1-11 or Ps. 47:1-9 Isa. 59:15b-21 Rev. 2:8-17 John 4:46-54 PM: Ps. 27:1-14	January 9 AM: Ps. 46:1-11 or Ps. 47:1-9 Isa. 63:1-5 Rev. 2:18-29 John 5:1-15 PM: Ps. 27:1-14	January 10 AM: Ps. 46:1-11 or Ps. 47:1-9 Isa. 65:1-9 Rev. 3:1-6 John 6:1-14
January 11 AM: Ps. 104:1-35 Isa. 40:1-11 Heb. 1:1-12 John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34 PM: Ps. 29:1-11	January 12 AM: Ps. 5:1-12 Isa. 40:12-24 Eph. 1:1-14 Mark 1:1-13 PM: Ps. 82:1-8	January 13 AM: Ps. 42:1-11 Isa. 40:25-31 Eph. 1:15-23 Mark 1:14-28 PM: Ps. 102:1-28	January 14 AM: Ps. 89:1-18 Isa. 41:1-16 Eph. 2:1-10 Mark 1:29-45 PM: Ps. 1:1-6	January 15 AM: Ps. 97:1-12 Isa. 41:17-29 Eph. 2:11-22 Mark 2:1-12 PM: Ps. 16:1-11	January 16 AM: Ps. 51:1-19 Isa. 42:(1-9) 10-17 Eph. 3:1-13 Mark 2:13-22 PM: Ps. 142:1-7	January 17 AM: Ps. 104:1-35 Isa. (42:18-25) 43:1-13 Eph. 3:14-21 Mark 2:23-3:6 PM: Ps. 138:1-8
January 18 AM: Ps. 19:1-14 Isa. 43:14-44:5 Heb. 6:17-7:10 John 4:27-42 PM: Ps. 81:1-16	January 19 AM: Ps. 135:1-21 Isa. 44:6-8, 21-23 Eph. 4:1-16 Mark 3:7-19a PM: Ps. 97:1-12	January 20 AM: Ps. 123:1-4 Isa. 44:9-20 Eph. 4:17-32 Mark 3:19b-35 PM: Ps. 30:1-12	January 21 AM: Ps. 15:1-5 Isa. 44:24-45:7 Eph. 5:1-14 Mark 4:1-20 PM: Ps. 48:1-14	January 22 AM: Ps. 36:1-12 Isa. 45:5-17 Eph. 5:15-33 Mark 4:21-34 PM: Ps. 80:1-19	January 23 AM: Ps. 130:1-8 Isa. 45:18-25 Eph. 6:1-9 Mark 4:35-41 PM: Ps. 32:1-11	January 24 AM: Ps. 56:1-13 Isa. 46:1-13 Eph. 6:10-24 Mark 5:1-20 PM: Ps. 118:1-29
January 25 AM: Ps. 67:1-7 Isa. 47:1-15 Heb. 10:19-31 John 5:2-18 PM: Ps. 46:1-11	January 26 AM: Ps. 57:1-11 Isa. 48:1-11 Gal. 1:1-17 Mark 5:21-43 PM: Ps. 85:1-13	January 27 AM: Ps. 54:1-7 Isa. 48:12-21 (22) Gal. 1:18-2:10 Mark 6:1-13 PM: Ps. 28:1-9	January 28 AM: Ps. 65:1-13 Isa. 49:1-12 Gal. 2:11-21 Mark 6:13-29 PM: Ps. 125:1-5	January 29 AM: Ps. 143:1-12 Isa. 49:13-23 (24-26) Gal. 3:1-14 Mark 6:30-46 PM: Ps. 81:1-16	January 30 AM: Ps. 88:1-18 Isa. 50:1-11 Gal. 3:15-22 Mark 6:47-56 PM: Ps. 6:1-10	January 31 AM: Ps. 122:1-9 Isa. 51:1-8 Gal. 3:23-29 Mark 7:1-23 PM: Ps. 100:1-5

Rotational Sunday School

Exploring God's World

Hus Church Sunday School is from
10:45 am - 11:30 am each Sunday

Kids ages 3-5th grade will meet in the Scripture Safari Room.
From there, we'll direct the kids to their station for the day.

The kids in Rotational Sunday School will be studying the Psalms (Psalm 23 and Psalm 100) for the first part of 2009. In the fall, we learned about David who wrote many of the psalms in the Bible. Hopefully, all of the kids will be able to memorize BOTH of them!! This will be quite a challenge for them and they will get a special prize if they are able to do it. **Please join us in this challenge!!**

Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 100:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL
START ON JANUARY 11
AFTER OUR
CHRISTMAS BREAK!**

**JOIN THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL GANG IN
THEIR OWN ROOM
WITH CINDY.**

**Youth in
High School
meet in the
Youth Room
for
Sunday School
with
Terry and Diane.**

The Stations:

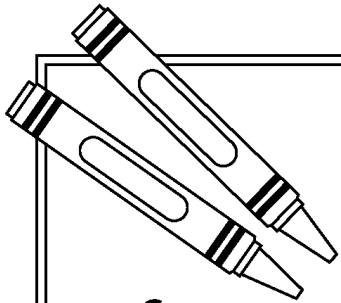
Imagination Island:
Creative Art

Bible Broadway:
Drama

Movies on the Mount:
Video

SCRIPTURE
SAFARI:
Bible Exploration

Adults meet in the
upstairs Adult
Sunday School Room
for class with Judy!
Come join in the
discussion.
Everyone is
welcome.

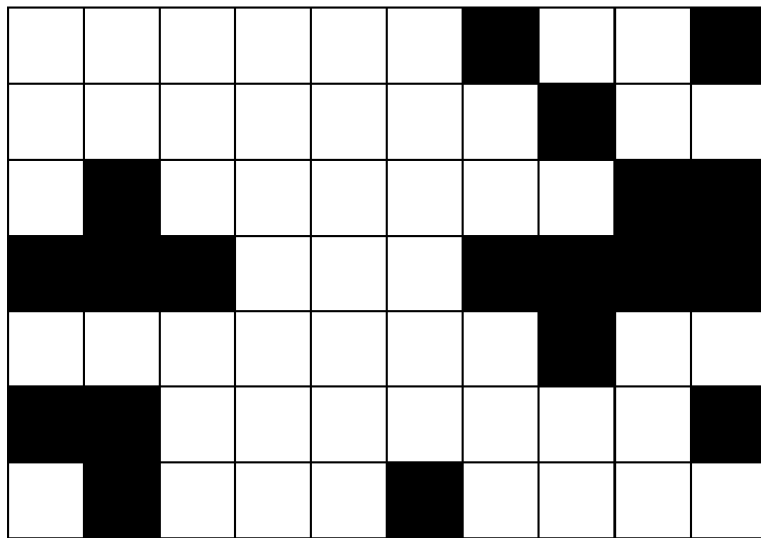
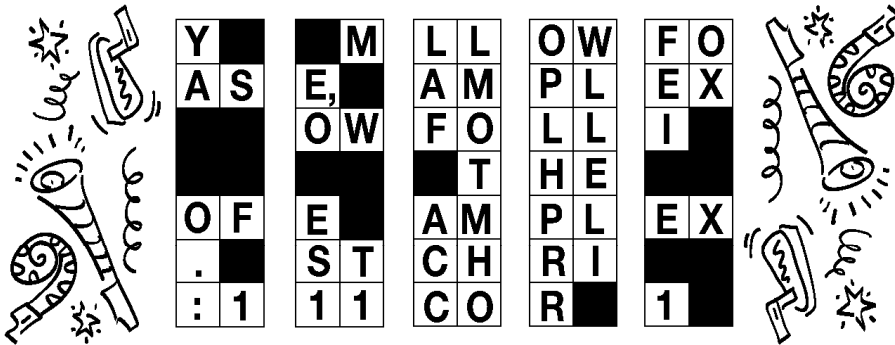


Just for KIDS

CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

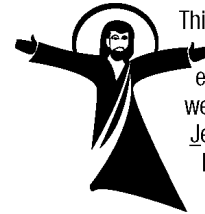
The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
1 Cor. 11:1

WWJD key chain



This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or $\frac{3}{8}$ ")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about $\frac{1}{2}$ cm or $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
- black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.





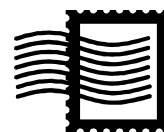
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years Day - Office closed 	2 Office closed	3
4 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos teaching	5 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	6 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM  EPIPHANY	7 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Choir - 7:00 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	8	9	10 Hus Worship Team to Mission of Hope - 6:30 PM
11 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Sunday School- 10:45AM Confirmation- 1 PM	12 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	13 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Deacons- 6:30 PM	14 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	15 89.1 Spirit Skate - 6:30 - 8:30 PM	16	17
18 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Karen McCaa Teaching Sunday School - 10:45AM	19 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Men's Breakfast, Edgewood Hy-Vee - 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM	21 Wed. Meal - 5:15 PM Youth Group - 5:45 PM Choir - 6:45 PM Worship Team - 8:30 PM	22 Lunch Bunch at Bishops - 11:30 AM	23	24
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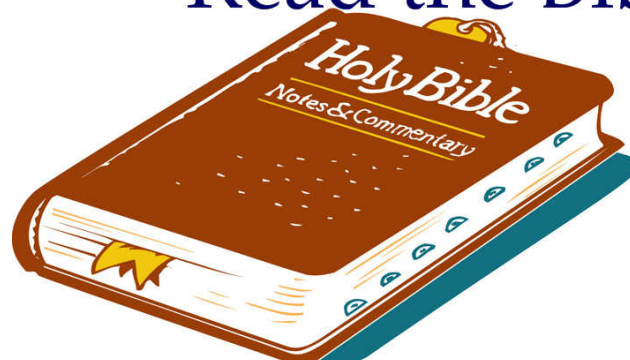
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Learn to
Read the Bible



See page 4 for a daily reading plan to get you started!